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MEMORANDUM OF CONVERSATION

SUBJECT: Discussion on CIA(ORC) Ukrainian matters with Mr. Reinhardt.

1. On 17 April 1991, a meeting was held in Mr. Reinhardt's office at the Department of State attended by Messrs. Reinhardt and Davis of the Eastern European Division of the Department of State, and [] and [] of CIA(ORC).

2. Mr. Reinhardt and Mr. Davis were shown a draft copy of the CIA position paper for the coming meeting with the British on Ukrainian matters. Mr. Reinhardt agreed with the position as outlined. [] specifically raised the question of the inclusion of Stetsko in a reconstituted 2nd OSW Provost and in ZPUMVA, if he would break completely with Bandera and would sever his connections with the anti-Bolshevik Bloc of Nations (ABN). Although all agreed that this had some politically undesirable aspects to it, Mr. Reinhardt did not object if it was useful operationally and was necessary in order to come to some agreement with the British.

3. [] pointed out that the basic CIA position would be that Bandera was acceptable to the U. S. Government both for political and operational reasons. The CIA would offer to allow the British to recruit from ZPUMVA if they would be willing to drop Bandera so that we could attempt to completely neutralize him. This would also have the effect of considerably weakening the position of ABN, which is undesirable politically.

4. [] asked Mr. Reinhardt if he would call Mr. Fay Gehler of VOA to arrange an interview between Mr. Gehler and [] for the purpose of arranging for some special broadcasts on the VOA Ukrainian program. Mr. Reinhardt agreed to do this. Messrs. Reinhardt and Davis were shown the proposed text of the broadcasts. It was pointed out that VOA could reword these texts if they were not acceptable in their present form. On this basis, Mr. Reinhardt said he could see no objection to their going on the air.

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